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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.



Chairman of the Public Health Committee—
Councillor CHRISTOPHER LAVIERS.

Public Health Officers.

J. ALUN EVANS, M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.),
D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health.

Joint Appointment with Penybont Rural District
Council and Porthcawl Urban District Council.

W. H. MANLEY, M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A., Senior Sanitary
Inspector and Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.

I. D. JENKINS, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A. Additional
Sanitary Inspector.

BERYL E. JAMES, Clerk.

During the year facilities were made available for one
Pupil Sanitary Inspector to obtain the necessary experience
within the Public Health Department.

To the Chairman and Members of the Bridgend Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the Urban District of Bridgend for the year 1949.

SECTION A.

1.—Statistics.

The Bridgend Urban District comprises an area of 1,218 acres, and has a resident population according to the Registrar General's estimate for Mid 1949 of 13,700. (The population of the district during the past twenty years has shown an upward trend).

The following are the population figures:—

Census for 1911	8,021
Census for 1921	9,206
Census for 1931	10,033
Number of inhabited houses (1921)	1,658
Number of inhabited houses (1931)	2,248
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1949)	3,698

The Rateable value for the District (31st December, 1949), was £73,607

Product of a Penny Rate £286,812

EXTRACTS FROM THE VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR—

Live Births:—

	Total	M.	F.	
Legitimate	241	120	121	Birth Rate per 1,000
Illegitimate	10	4	6	of the estimated re-
				sident population 18.3
Still Births	7	3	4	Rate per 1,000 live
				and still births 27.0
Deaths	148	81	67	Death Rate per 1,000
				of the estimated re-
				sident population 10.8

Deaths from Puerperal Causes:—

	Deaths.	Rate per 1000 Total Live & Still Births.
No. 29. Puerperal Sepsis	Nil	Nil
No. 30. Other Puerperal causes	Nil	Nil
Total	Nil	Nil

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All infants per 1,000 live births	32.0
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births	33.2
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births	Nil
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	19
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Nil

2.—Social Conditions.

The town of Bridgend is a market town centrally situated in the Vale of Glamorganshire. Owing to its position it has become an important rail and omnibus junction.

Employment for the male population is available in duties connected with road and rail transport, the various factories at the Trading Estate, Waterton, and the local General and nearby large Mental Hospitals.

Employment for the female population is mainly found in the Trading Estate, Waterton, the activities of the town of Bridgend and in duties at the various Hospitals.

There is, therefore, ample work for all the available male and female labour in your district.

SECTION B.

General Provision of Health Services for the District.

1.—Laboratory Facilities.

All bacteriological examinations required by the Authority were carried out free of charge at the Medical Research Council's Laboratory, The Parade, Cardiff.

As in previous years, the Cardiff and County Laboratory undertook at fixed charges, the chemical examination of water, sewage effluent, ice-cream, etc.

The following samples were sent for examination during the year ended 31st December, 1949:—

Diphtheria	14
Haemolytic Streptococci	10
Faeces ? Enteric	1
Faeces ? Dysentery	1
Urine ? Enteric	1
Cerebro Spinal Fluid	1

Tuberculosis (Sputum)	1
Blood ? Enteric	1
Blood ? Undulant Fever	3
Milks—	
Graded	77
Ungraded	12
Tubercle Bacilli	12
Water—	
Bacteriologically	11
Chemically	6
Ice-Cream—	
Bacteriologically	12
Chemically	12

2.—Ambulance Facilities.

Ambulance facilities for the district are provided by the Glamorgan County Council. The Ambulance Station for your area is established in the Fire Service Depot, Glanogwr Road, Bridgend. The County Council provide an adequate number of ambulances for the district, and the service is regarded as entirely satisfactory.

3.—National Health Service Act.

The duties required by the County Council under this part of the Act are carried out in your area through the Divisional Health Office, Quarella Road, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 141), which is under the control of Dr. Kathleen Davies, the Divisional Medical Officer. It is through this office that provision is made for the Maternity and Child Welfare Service, Home Nursing Service, Home Help Service, School Medical Service and the Health Visiting Service.

4.—Mental Health Service.

The Mental Health Service is under the administrative control of the County Medical Officer. Advice regarding the procedure for admission to hospital for treatment and the removal of mental patients is undertaken for your district by their duly authorised officer, Mr. D. L. Lewis, 14, Carlos Street, Port Talbot. (Tel. No. Port Talbot 555).

5.—General Practitioner Service.

The General Practitioner Service in the Bridgend Urban District is organised through the Executive Council of the Administrative County. The address of the Executive Council

for the area of the Administrative County of Glamorgan is "Glamorgan Executive Council", 47, Park Place, Cardiff.

In your district there are seven general practitioners actively engaged in medical duties, and the services rendered by them are regarded as entirely satisfactory.

6.—Hospital Service.

Hospital facilities for the Urban area are provided through the Mid-Glamorgan Hospital Management Committee, 8 Wind Street, Neath. (Tel. No. Neath 2251).

General medical and surgical facilities are obtained in the Bridgend General Hospital and the Bridgend and District Cottage Hospital.

The treatment of Infectious Fevers is carried out at the Isolation Hospital, Cefn Hirgoed.

In recent years, owing to the diminution of the number of infectious diseases occurring in your district, many of the beds at the Isolation Hospital have remained empty. Owing to the difficulty of finding sufficient beds for tuberculosis cases from the Mid-Glamorgan area, the Hospital Management Committee have utilised 54 beds in the Cefn Hirgoed Isolation Hospital for treatment of male and female cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

7.—Tuberculosis.

Facilities for the diagnosis and home and clinic treatment of Tuberculosis are obtained through Dr. Hugh Trail, Chest Physician, Old Cottage Hospital, Bridgend. (Tel. No. Bridgend 345). In this work Dr. Trail is assisted by an assistant Chest Physician. The Chest Physicians are also responsible for the medical treatment of cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis at the Cefn Hirgoed Isolation Hospital.

As will be noted from the table below the number of new cases and deaths which occurred during the year 1949 show no great change from previous years.

Every co-operation was given by the House Allocation Committee in the re-housing of applicants suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis, who were living under adverse conditions.

HOSPITALS.

Name.	Situation.	Purpose.	Total No. of Beds.	No. of Beds. M. F.		Proportion for District.	Management	Staff.	Operative Surgery.		X Ray	Massage Dept.	Dental Dept.	Oph- thalmic Dept.	Pathological Work.
Bridgend General Hospital	1a. Quarella Road. Bridgend.	General. Maternity. Children.	295 42 27	158	137 42 27	Not Defined.	Mid-Glam. Hospital Management Committee	Medical Superintendent 10 resident Medical Staff. Panel of Visiting Consultants.	Yes 2 well equipped Theatres		Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes
Bridgend & District Cottage Hospital	Merthŷrmawr Road. Bridgend.	General E.N.T. Centre Private Patients.	16 15 4	5 ... 1	11 5 ... 4 ...	Not Defined.	Do.	Supervised by Medical Superintendent of Bridgend Gen. Hospital. Medical Practitioners of District attend own Patients.	Yes well equipped Theatres		Yes.	Yes, a certified Masseuse on staff.	No.	Yes.	Performed at Bridgend General Hospital
Isolation Hospital	Cefn Hirgoed 2¼ miles from Bridgend.	Tuber- culosis and Infectious Diseases.	54 Beds 24 Cots	32 ... 2	22 4 ...	Not Defined.	Do.	Non-resident Medical Officer and Con- sultant Chest Physician	Yes. Well equipped Theatre	Screen- ing Unit		No.	No.	No.	Cardiff Public Health Laboratory
Small Pox Hospital.	Cefn Hirgoed 2½ miles from Bridgend.	Small Pox	8	4	4	Not Defined.	Do.	Non-resident Medical Officer.	No.		No.	No.	No.	No.	Cardiff Public Health Laboratory
Mental Hospital.	About 2 miles from Bridgend.	Mental Patients.	1942	1037	905	Not Defined	Regional Hospital Board	Medical Superintendent. Six Medical Officers. Staff of Consultants. Nursing Staff.	Yes. Well equipped Theatre.		Yes	No	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
Preswylfa Children's Homes	Merthyr-mawr Road, Bridgend.	Children	162	Not Defined	Children's Committee	Medical Officer non-resident, Superintendent, Matron Nurse and Foster Mothers	Sick Bay	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.

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(a) New Cases and Mortality during 1949.

Particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and of deaths from the disease in the area during 1949.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1								
1—5	1		3					
5—15		1	5					
15—25	3	4	1	1		2		
25—35	1	4		1		1		
35—45	2	2		2	2	2		
45—55								
55—65								1
65 and Over		1			1			
Totals ...	7	12	9	4	3	5		1

(b) Number of Cases on Tuberculosis Register at commencement of the year.

Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary
M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	Total
31	34	65	36	28	64	129

Rate of Incidence—9.4 per 1,000 population.

(c) Number of Cases on Tuberculosis Register at end of year.

Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary
M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	Total
30	32	62	32	21	53	115

Rate of Incidence—8.4 per 1,000 population.

Mass Radiography Survey.

During the month of December, 1948, a mass Radiography Survey was carried out amongst Bridgend general population. Facilities for the carrying out of this Survey were made available at the Council Offices, Glanogwr. Overleaf appears an analysis of this Survey.

Mass Radiography Survey carried out amongst Bridgend General Population, Dec. 13th—22nd, 1948

TABLE 1.
AGE GROUPS.

Results of Examinations	GRAND TOTAL		Under 15		15—20		20—25		25—30		30—35		35—45		45—55		55 & over		Total	
	M F		M F		M F		M F		M F		M F		M F		M F		M F		M F	
	TOTAL		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Total normal & abnormal	1198		4	4	33	45	62	91	89	78	63	45	143	141	159	89	112	40	665	533
Total abnormal	65		1	—	1	2	3	1	2	5	1	—	2	11	9	9	14	4	33	32
(a) Definite Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2		—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
(b) Observation T.B.	7		—	—	—	—	1	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	4
(c) Pneumoconiosis	11		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	6	—	11	—
(d) Other diseases of Chest	45		1	—	1	—	2	—	1	2	1	—	—	11	5	9	8	4	19	26

TABLE 2.

ANALYSIS OF OTHER DISEASES.

	Male.	Female.
Bronchitis and Emphysema	7	6
Bony abnormality	4	1
Calcification of Pleura	2	—
Heart Diseases	2	7
Healed P.T.	2	6
Bronchiectasis	2	1
Abnormality of Diaphragm	—	1
Goitre	—	1
Pulmonary Fibrosis	—	1
Pleural Thickening	—	2
	19	26
Failed to return for large film	4	—

8.—National Assistance Act, 1948.

(a) REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION.—Section 47.

No action was taken by the Council under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, during the year, 1949.

Three cases, however, residing at the Lodging-house, 11, Newcastle Hill, Bridgend, were found to be in need of care and attention and agreed to accept the offer of help. One was a female resident, aged 55 years, for whom accommodation was found in the Welfare Institution, Pontardawe. The second was a female, aged 75 years, and the third a male, aged 82 years. Both these cases required medical attention and agreed to enter the General Hospital, Bridgend.

(b) Section 50.—BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

No money was expended by the Council in carrying out burials under Section 50 of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

9.—Care of the Aged.

During the year my services were sought by several general practitioners and the National Assistance Board owing to their difficulty in obtaining the admission to hospital of elderly patients who were in need of hospital accommodation. In spite of the closest co-operation and every possible assistance from the Bridgend General Hospital, one does feel that there are not

sufficient beds available for those aged persons who are taken ill and may require hospital treatment for a prolonged period. Prior to the National Health Service Act, this type of person was accommodated in special wards, but as these have now been taken over for general cases, a hardship to aged people has developed.

10.—Common Lodging Houses.

In your district there are two licensed Common Lodging-houses. One is situated at 26, Queen Street, and the other at 11, Newcastle Hill, Bridgend. The former is well controlled, but the latter requires the constant supervision of the Health Department, in order that conditions remain at a reasonable level. It is a tragedy that aged persons in the eventide of their life tend to drift to these places, and it is to be hoped that in the near future more suitable accommodation will be provided for them.

11.—National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

During the year under review my advice and assistance were sought by the Local Inspector of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children—Mr. H. James, 24, Cowbridge Road, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 292), in connection with "problem families" where there was a possible risk of the children being exposed to danger on account of overcrowding and unsuitable housing conditions.

In matters connected with the prevention of cruelty to children, I have received the closest co-operation from Mr. James.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

1.—Water Supply.

The whole of the water supply of the Town is supplied direct to the consumer by the Mid-Glamorgan Water Board. Your Council is not a constituent member of the Board and has no representation on that body. Despite the exceptionally dry weather experienced during the Summer months of 1949, the Mid-Glamorgan Water Board were able to give a constant supply to the Town, which was satisfactory both in quality and quantity.

Bacteriological and chemical analysis of 87 samples of raw and treated water were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Cardiff, during the year. In addition daily tests for free chlorine were taken at all treatment plants, which continued to function satisfactorily.

The supply is obtained from two sources (a) an underground stream at Schwyll and (b) the gathering ground at Dimbath.

(a) **Schwyll.** This supply is plentiful, and there is no danger of shortage. The only objection to this supply is its hardness. The water is treated by chlorination.

(b) **Dimbath.** This water comes from the upland gathering ground near Blackmill, in the Ogmere and Garw District. This water is filtered, and has the advantage of being a soft water. Nearly 400,000 gallons of water pass through these filters daily.

No. of houses without a piped water supply 3
(One a collected rain water supply).
(Two have supplies from a well).

Proportion of dwelling-houses supplied from
water mains direct to the houses 99.9%

Proportion of dwelling-houses supplied from
stand-pipes12%

Proportion of the population supplied from public
water mains direct to the houses 99.9%

Proportion of the population supplied from
stand-pipes12%

During the year there have been no new sources of supply.

The following extensions to mains were made during the year:—

Parcau Bach Private Building Site.—165 yards 4-inch cast iron main.

Quarella Road (No. 3) Housing Site.—172 yards 3-inch cast iron main.

This Department has had the greatest help from the Manager of the Mid-Glamorgan Water Board in regard to all matters connected with the Board's supply.

2.—Rivers and Streams.

The River Ogmore flows through the central part of the Town. Before entering your district it becomes polluted by various colliery washeries and sewage effluent.

3.—Drainage and Sewerage.

The town is satisfactorily sewered but owing to the recent building schemes in your area, and certain parts of the Penybont Rural District, your sewers are now almost at maximum capacity, and during storm periods are easily surcharged. The sewerage from the town enters the main sewer of the Penybont Main Sewerage Board which finally discharges into the sea at Ogmore-by-Sea. With the exception of the new housing estates there has been no extension of sewers during the year.

4.—Closet Accommodation.

At the end of the year 1949, the number of closets was as follows:—

Water Closets to Sewer (approx.)	5,366
Water Closets to Cesspools	10
Pail Closets	4
Earth Closets or Privies	1
Septic Tank System	1

5.—Public Cleansing.

This work is carried out by the Council's own staff under the direction of the Surveyor.

Refuse and street sweepings are collected daily in the town area and twice weekly in the remainder of the district. Three covered refuse vehicles are in use.

6.—Cesspools.

The cleansing of the cesspools is carried out, free of charge, by the Council's staff at the request of the tenants.

When the cesspools are within a reasonable distance of a sewer, the contents are conveyed in a covered cesspool vehicle and discharged into a sewer manhole. In other cases the contents are discharged on the land with the owner's permission.

SECTION D.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

1.—Shops.

See Sanitary Inspector's Report.

2.—Smoke Abatement.

No action was taken during the year in regard to this matter.

3.—Swimming Baths and Pools.

A Public Open-air Swimming Bath was opened in May, 1938. The cost was £6,600. The capacity of the bath is 186,000 gallons. A filtration plant is installed, and has a six-hour turn over. The water is first filtered, then chlorinated, then aerated, and returned to the bath. The water was regularly examined, and found on all occasions to be satisfactory.

There are no private swimming baths in the district.

4.—Eradication of Bed Bugs.

Infested	1	.....	3
Disinfested	1	.....	3

All the houses were disinfested by the Sanitary Inspector's Staff at the expense of the owners.

All infestations were of a minor character, and were dealt with by application of a 5% D.D.T. solution.

Under the Council's Re-housing Scheme, the furniture of selected tenants was inspected and examined for the presence of vermin and, where necessary, treated before removal to Council houses.

PARTICULARS OF SCHOOLS, 1949.

School	Accommodation.	On register	Sanitary Conveniences	Washing Facilities	Cloak Rooms
<i>Penybont</i> —					
Infants' Dept. ...	200	..... 162	7 trough closets & Urinal	5 wash-hand basins, cold water only	1 cloak room (248 pegs)
Junior Mixed ...	400	..... 382	20 wash-down closets & urinal	8 wash-hand basins, cold water only	2 cloak rooms (671 pegs)
<i>Oldcastle</i> —					
Infant Dept. ..	200	..... 221	6 wash-down w.c's & urinal; 1 ditto for staff, inside school building	4 wash-hand basins, 1 ditto for staff, cold water only	2 cloak rooms (215 pegs)
Junior Mixed—					
(a) Boys' Dept. }	512	..... 420	8 wash-down w.c's. & urinal; 1 ditto for staff, inside school building	9 wash-hand basins, cold water only	2 cloak rooms (260 pegs)
(b) Girls' Dept. }			34 wash-down w.c's.; 1 ditto for staff, inside school building	12 wash-hand basins, cold water only. 1 ditto for staff.	2 cloak rooms (260 pegs)
Roman Catholic School	93	..... 100	6 wash-down w.c's & urinal;	5 wash-hand basins, cold water only.	2 cloak rooms (160 pegs)
<i>Glanmorgan County Grammar Sch.</i> —					
Girls	320	..... 380	14 wash-down w.c's. 1 ditto for staff	20 wash-hand basins, 8 of the 20 wash-hand basins have hot and cold water. The rest cold water only.	4 cloak rooms (383 pegs)
Boys	340	..... 384	14 wash-down w.c's., and 2 nine-stall urinals; 6 w.c.'s for staff	2 ditto for staff, cold water only 16 wash-hand basins, hot and cold water; hot and cold shower bath 2 Drinking Fountains.	2 cloak rooms Each pupil has his own peg for clothes, locker for shoes.

PARTICULARS OF SCHOOLS, 1949—Continued

<i>School.</i>	<i>Accommo- dation. register</i>	<i>Sanitary Conveniences.</i>	<i>Washing Facilities</i>	<i>Cloak Rooms</i>
Mining & Technical Institute 300 300 (plus 400 students part-time) Boys	9 wash-down w.c's. (1 x 14 stall urinal).	12 wash-hand basins, hot and cold water; 1 drinking fountain.	1 cloakroom (290 hangers). Each pupil has his own hanger for clothes and wire basket for shoes.	
Girls	5 wash-down w.c's.	5 wash-hand basins; 1 drinking fountain. Hot & cold shower bath in Gymnasium.	1 cloakroom (107 hangers).	
Staff	3 wash-down w.c's.	3 wash-hand basins		
Heolgam Secondary School 500 450	14 w.c's. 2 fourteen-stall urinals 6 w.c's. for staff Clean towels are supplied twice weekly.	32 wash-hand basins, hot and cold water. 4 wash-hand basins for staff. 2 wash-hand basins for Med. Insp.	Accommodation for 500 pupils.	

SECTION F.

HOUSING.

The difficult housing conditions of a large number of families in your district brought many problems during the year, but every effort was made to give as much comfort and relief as possible.

Through the Council's re-housing programme special consideration was given to those applicants in need of housing accommodation on account of severe medical disability, and where possible, relief was afforded.

Number of Houses erected in the district:—

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| (a) No. of Council Houses completed and occupied during the year | 22—Traditional Type |
| (b) No. partly completed during the year | 24—Traditional |
| (c) No. sanctioned but not commenced | 90—Traditional |
| (d) Total No. of Council Houses completed and occupied since 1918 | 528 |

By Private Enterprise, Building Societies, Etc—

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| (a) No. of houses completed and occupied during the year | 13—plus 4 blocks of flats |
| (b) No. partly completed during the year | 17 |
| (c) No. for which plans were passed but not commenced | 33 |

SECTION G.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1.—Milk Supply.

The farms and dairies are regularly inspected, and samples of milk are frequently taken and sent to the Cardiff and County Laboratory for examination for bacterial content. Eighty-nine samples of milk were taken; of these samples 73 were for graded milk, of which 4 were unsatisfactory, and 10 for ungraded milk, two of which were unsatisfactory. Twelve samples of milk were examined for tubercle bacilli. No Tubercle Bacilli were found in any of these samples.

2.—Ice-Cream.

The Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations which came into force on the 1st May, 1947, prescribe the methods by which ice-cream should be manufactured. Six premises in the town are registered for the manufacture, storage and sale of ice-cream, and twenty-one for the sale and storage of ice-cream.

Twelve samples were examined during the year, and of these eight were satisfactory and four unsatisfactory.

In accordance with the provisions of Circular M.F. 3/49, copies of ice-cream sampled during the year were sent to the Liaison Division (Food Standards and Food Hygiene), 47, Portman Square, London, W.1.

As a result of the coming into operation of the Ice-cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations the smaller retailers have become more conscious of the necessity for strict supervision in the handling of ice-cream so that the quality of the finished product remains at a high level.

3.—Meat and Other Foods.

The Slaughter-house is regularly visited several times each week, and no carcase leaves the building before inspection.

Shops, Stalls, Markets, Bakehouses, Ice-cream Shops, and Fried-fish shops are regularly inspected.

4.—Slaughter-House.

Reference to the Sanitary Inspector's Report shows that this old building is unsuitable, and badly sited.

The question of a new public abattoir was discussed by your Public Health Committee, and a meeting was arranged with the Member of Parliament for the Division. A further conference of local authorities in the Mid-Glamorgan area, comprising Cowbridge Borough, Bridgend, Porthcawl, Maesteg, Ogmere and Garw, and Penybont and Cowbridge Rural District Councils was convened to obtain their views on the question of a central public abattoir. A discussion took place with particular regard to the "question of a central site", and general expression favoured a new public abattoir.

The following are the numbers of animals slaughtered since the year 1933:—

	Cattle	Pigs	Sheep	Calves
1933	448	1,998	5,725	421
1934	588	2,139	6,227	560
1935	606	2,195	4,766	273
1936	995	2,561	6,413	334
1937	1,079	2,546	6,883	399
1938	1,067	2,822	7,802	370
1939	1,217	2,595	8,994	443
1940	1,849	2,189	17,873	1,257
1941	1,216	568	15,152	1,104
1942	1,215	231	11,445	1,873
1943	1,468	191	11,538	2,853
1944	1,973	141	12,381	2,451
1945	1,667	307	8,872	2,422
1946	1,708	89	7,365	2,534
1947	1,646	36	6,388	1,484
1948	1,266	103	7,469	1,293
1949	1,365	168	8,546	1,215

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle, excluding Cows		Sheep & Calves Lambs			Pigs
No. killed (if known).....	686	679	1,215	8,546		168
No. inspected	686	679	1,215	8,546		168
<i>All Diseases except Tuberculosis—</i>						
Whole Carcases condemned	3	19	14	56		7
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	178	219	19	1,028		23
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than Tuber- culosis	26.4	35.1	2.7	12.6		17.9
<i>Tuberculosis only—</i>						
Whole carcasses condemned ..	3	37	1	—		2
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned affected with Tuberculosis	126	210	—	—		14
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	18.8	36.4	.08	—		7.7

5.—Adulteration.

This work is undertaken by the County Sanitary Inspectors, and the following is their report in connection with the administration of the Food and Drugs Act.

ADULTERATION—*Continued.*

Samples taken—	
Milk	22
Butter	5
Margarine	5
Cooking Fat	3
Sweet Fat	1
Creamola	5
Creamola Sweetened Pudding	1
Caramel Cake Flour	5
Pudding Mixture	4
Custard Powder	1
Creamola Sago	1
Cinnamon	1
Sponge Flour	2
Curry Powder	1
Sponge Mixture	1
Chocolate Sauce Mixture	1
Soup	1
Vinegar	3
Sultanas	1
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One sample of milk proved on analysis to contain added water. Proceedings were instituted resulting in conditional dismissal on payment of 14/6 Analyst's fee and 4/- costs; in addition five samples consisting of Creamola, Pudding Powder and Sponge Mixture were found to be infested with meal mites and were reported to this Authority for destruction.

6.—Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food.

All this work is done at the Cardiff and County Laboratory, samples of graded and ordinary milks being examined monthly.

7.—Food Poisoning Outbreaks.

During the year under review no outbreak of food poisoning was notified to the Health Department.

8.—Clean Food Campaign.

This problem received the enthusiastic support of the Council who appointed a Food and Drink Infection Campaign Committee.

On your instructions I, and members of this Committee, addressed joint meetings of the Bridgend traders and one meeting of the Chamber of Trade. Efforts were made to set up a

joint committee consisting of members of the various trades and members of the local authority. Although trade members attending these meetings appeared enthusiastic, it is to be regretted that they failed to inspire their colleagues. The establishment of this joint committee was therefore not possible.

During inspections of all food premises in the town every opportunity was taken by members of the Health Department to educate in food hygiene those concerned in food or food products.

SECTION H.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Diphtheria. No cases were notified.

Scarlet Fever. Twenty-seven cases were notified, as compared with fifty-two during the previous year: seventeen of these cases were removed to hospital. On all occasions, if home conditions were satisfactory, every effort was made to encourage the isolation of Scarlet Fever cases at home. The general tendency with most parents, however, is that they prefer their children to have hospital treatment rather than allow them to remain at home. There were no deaths from this disease.

Measles. Thirty cases were notified, as compared with four during the previous year: three of these cases were removed to hospital. There were no deaths from this disease.

Cerebro-Spinal Fever. Three cases were notified and removed to hospital. There were no deaths from this disease.

Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers. No cases were notified.

Poliomyelitis. Five cases were notified during the period July to November: all were children under the age of five years suffering from various degrees of paralysis. There were no deaths from this disease.

One other case, however, aged 30 years, a resident of your district, who was taken ill 24 hours after leaving the town, was admitted into hospital as a case of Poliomyelitis, and died.

The cases occurred at monthly intervals, and contacts were advised to avoid crowded places, excessive fatigue, and to pay particular regard to personal hygiene.

Detailed investigations were carried out in each case and reports sent to the Welsh Board of Health and the County Medical Officer for Glamorgan.

CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis)
during the year 1949.

DISEASE	CASES NOTIFIED													Total Cases	Cases admitted to hospital	Total Deaths.
	Under 1 year	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 & over				
Pemphigus Neonatorum																
Smallpox ...																
Scarlet Fever ...			2	3	2	11	7		1	1			27	17	—	
Diphtheria ...																
Enteric Fever ...																
Puerperal Pyrexia																
Pneumonia ...									2		1		3	2	7	
Erysipelas ...										1	2		3	3	—	
Encephalitis Lethargica																
Chicken Pox ...																
Dysentery ...																
Ophthalmia Neon- atorum																
Anterior Poliomyelitis ...		2	1		1	1							5	5	1	
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis ...		1					1		1				3	3	—	
Measles ...		4	2	3	3	15	1	2					30	3	—	
Whooping Cough...						1							1			
Undulant Fever											2		2	1	—	
Glandular Fever																

Cases of infectious Diseases notified during the Year 1949.
Urban District of Bridgend.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	Cases notified in whole District.							Total cases notified in each locality.			
	At all ages.	At ages—years.						West Ward.	North Ward.	South Ward.	Cottage Homes and County Hospital
		1 and under 1.	5 and under 5.	5 and 15.	15 and 25.	25 and 45.	45 and under 65.				
Pneumonia ...	3					2	1		2	1	
Cholera (C) Plague (P) ...											
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup) ...	3					1				1	2
Erysipelas ...	27	7		18	1	1		11	4	10	2
Scarlet Fever ...	2						2	1			1
Undulant Fever											
Enteric Fever ...											
Glandular Fever											
Encephalitis Lethargica ...											
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	3										
Meningococcal Meningitis ...	5	1		1		1		3	1		3
Polio-myelitis ...		4									1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	19	1		1				6	9	4	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	13	3		5	2	3		5	3	3	2
Other forms of Tuberculosis ...											
Chicken-pox... ..											
Dysentery ...	30	13		15	2			13	6	8	3
Measles ...	1			1						1	
Whooping-Cough ...											
Pemphigus Neonatorum											
Totals ...	106	29	42	12	17	3	3	39	25	28	14

Notification of Infectious Diseases for each Month in 1949.

	Jan.		Feb.		Mar.		April.		May.		June.		July.		Aug.		Sept.		Oct.		Nov.		Dec.		Total		No. of cases admitted to Isolation Hospital	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Scarlet Fever	2		1		1	1	1	1	1				2						3	3	2	1	2	6	11	16	7	10
Diphtheria																		1			1		1		3		3	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever																												
Enteric Fever																												
Erysipelas																1												
Ophthalmia Neonatorum																			1								2	1
Phthisis																												
Other Tubercular Diseases	3		1				1	2			1	3	3	1	1		1				1	1	1		7	12		
Puerperal Pyrexia			2	1	2						1	1	1	1	1	1	1								9	4		
Pneumonia	1														1										1	2		
Glandular Fever																												
Encephalitis Lethargica																												
Undulant Fever																												
Dysentery																1									2	—		
Anterior Poliomyelitis													1															
Measles	2	2	3		2	1	3		1	1	3	2	6	2	1	1	1						1		1	4	1	4
Whooping Cough			1																						21	9	2	1
Pemphigus Neonatorum																									1	—		

Male and Female Live Births Registered in each month.

Month.	South Ward.		North Ward.		West Ward.		1A, Quarella Road.		Outward Transfer-able.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
January ...	1	1	1	—	1	—	9	7	36	35
February ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	9	28	31
March ...	—	1	1	3	1	—	8	7	37	40
April... ..	—	—	1	1	1	—	7	9	36	34
May ...	1	—	4	—	2	1	7	6	50	43
June ...	1	—	—	2	1	—	6	7	41	46
July ...	—	—	1	2	1	2	5	8	37	35
August ...	—	—	2	—	—	2	7	3	38	38
September ...	2	2	—	—	2	—	6	3	38	46
October ...	—	2	—	—	1	—	5	4	44	41
November ...	—	2	1	—	1	—	7	9	48	34
December ...	1	—	1	1	—	1	8	7	25	34
Totals ...	7	8	12	9	10	8	76	79	458	457

Male and Female Still Births Registered in each month

Month.	South Ward.		North Ward.		West Ward.		1A, Quarella Road.		Outward Transfer-able.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
January ...										
February ...										
March ...										
April... ..										
May ...										
June ...										1
July ...									2	1
August ...							2	1	1	—
September ...								1		
October ...									2	2
November ...									1	1
December ...									1	1
Totals ...							2	2	7	6

Causes of Death in Bridgend Urban District, 1949.

Population—13,700.

<i>Causes of Death.</i>			<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
	All Causes		81	67
1	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever		—	—
2	Cerebro Spinal Fever		—	—
3	Scarlet Fever		—	—
4	Whooping Cough		—	—
5	Diphtheria		—	—
6	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System		3	5
7	Other Forms of Tuberculosis		—	—
8	Syphilitic Disease		—	—
9	Influenza		3	1
10	Measles		—	—
11	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polio-encephalitis		1	—
12	Acute Infectious Encephalitis		—	—
13	Cancer of buccal cavity & oesophagus (M) uterus (F)		2	1
14	Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum		1	2
15	Cancer of Breast		—	3
16	Cancer of all other sites		8	2
17	Diabetes		—	—
18	Intracranial Vascular Lesions		3	6
19	Heart Disease		26	23
20	Other Diseases Circulatory System		3	1
21	Bronchitis		6	2
22	Pneumonia		3	—
23	Other Respiratory Disease		3	1
24	Ulceration of Stomach or Duodenum		1	—
25	Diarrhoea, under 2 years		—	—
26	Appendicitis		—	—
27	Other Digestive Diseases		4	2
28	Nephritis		—	4
29	Puerperal and Post Abortive Sepsis		—	—
30	Other Maternal Causes		—	—
31	Premature Birth		2	2
32	Congenital Malformation, Birth Injury, Infantile Disease		2	2
33	Suicide		1	—
34	Road Traffic Accidents		2	1
35	Other Violent Causes		1	3
36	All other Causes		6	6
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:—				
	Total		4	4
	Legitimate		4	4
	Illegitimate		—	—
Live Births—Total			124	127
	Legitimate		120	121
	Illegitimate		4	6
Still Births—Total			3	4
	Legitimate		3	4
	Illegitimate		—	—

BRIDGEND URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Deaths registered during 1949 classified by Age and Cause.

Causes of Death.	Nett Deaths at the subjoined ages of "Residents," whether occurring within or without the district.									Total Deaths whether Resident or Non-resi- dent in institutions in the district.	Inquest Cases.
	All ages	Under 1 year	1 and under 2.	2 and under 5.	5 and under 15	15 and under 25.	25 and under 45.	45 and under 65.	65 and upwards.		
All Causes	150	8			1	4	12	32	93	404	4
Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fevers ...											
Cerebro-Spinal Fever ...										1	
Scarlet Fever ...											
Whooping Cough ...											
Diphtheria ...											
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	8					2	5		1	10	
Other Tuberculous Diseases	1							1		1	
Syphilitic Disease ...									2	2	
Influenza ...	2										
Measles...											
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis ...	1						1				
Acute Infectious Encephalitis ...											
Cancer of Buccalcavity and Oesophagus (Males only)	2								2	5	
Cancer of Uterus ...	1							1		2	
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum ...	3								3	19	
Cancer of Breast...	3							3		4	
Cancer of all other sites ...	10							5	5	40	
Diabetes ...											
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions ...	12							5	7	32	
Heart Disease ...	63						2	10	51	115	
Other Circulatory Diseases										2	
Bronchitis ...	2							1	1	2	
Pneumonia ...	7						1	2	4	22	
Other Respiratory Diseases	7							1	6	23	
Ulceration of Stomach and Duodenum ...	1						1			4	
Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 yrs)										1	
Appendicitis ...										3	
Other Digestive Diseases...	3								3	15	
Nephritis ...	7						1	1	5	30	
Puerperal and Postabortive Sepsis ...							1			3	
Other Maternal Causes ...	1						1			18	
Premature Birth...	5	5									
Congenital Malformations											
Birth Injury, Infantile Disease ...	3	3								16	
Suicide...	1							1		1	1
Road Traffic Accidents ...	2					2				8	
Other Violent Deaths ...	1								1	10	
All Other Causes ...	4				1			1	2	15	

Male and Female Deaths for each month in the various
Wards, etc., 1949.

Month.	South		North		West		1A Quarella Road.		Transfer- able Outward		Transfer able Inward	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
January ...	2	3	4	1	4		2	1	12	9	1	1
February ...	2			1	1	2	1	3	9	13	1	
March... ..	2	3		3	2	1	2	1	10	8		
April	2	5	2			2	1	2	21	9	2	
May	3	1	1	1		1		2	21	4	1	
June	1			5		1	5	1	5	9	1	
July	1	3	1	1	1		2	1	17	11		
August		2							9	3	1	2
September ...	2	1	3	1	1	1	2		7	3	2	1
October	3	1						1	15	6		
November ...	2	3	1		2		2		16	4	1	
December ...	3	4	2	1	3	1	4	3	18	14		
Totals	23	26	14	14	14	9	21	15	161	93	10	4

INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1949.

Nett Deaths from stated Causes at various ages under
One Year.

CAUSES OF DEATH	Under 1 week	1-2 Weeks	2-3 Weeks	3-4 Weeks	Total under 4 Weeks	1-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	Total D'ths under One Year.
All Causes	5	1		2	8					8
Small Pox										
Chicken Pox										
Measles										
Scarlet Fever										
Whooping Cough										
Diphtheria and Croup										
Erysipelas										
Tuberculous Meningitis										
Abdominal Tuberculosis...										
Other Tuberculous Diseases										
Meningitis (Cerebro Spinal)										
Convulsions										
Laryngitis										
Bronchitis										
Pneumonia										
Diarrhoea										
Enteritis										
Gastritis										
Syphilis										
Rickets										
Suffocation										
Injury at Birth										
Atelectasis										
Congenital Malformation		1		2	3					3
Premature Birth	5				5					5
Atrophy, Debility & Marasmus										
Accident										
Other Causes										

Nett Births registered in the calendar year—
Legitimate, 241; Illegitimate, 10.

Nett Deaths registered in the calendar year—8.

Legitimate Infants 8 (Males 4; Females 4).

Illegitimate Infants—Nil.

CANCER.

The number of deaths certified as being caused by Cancer was 19.

The following table shows the organs affected, as well as the age at death and the sex of the individuals affected.

<i>Organ affected</i>	<i>25—45 yrs.</i>		<i>45—65 yrs.</i>		<i>65 upwards</i>		<i>Totals</i>	
	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>
Intestines			1		3	1	4	1
Uterus				1				1
Breast			3					3
Stomach					1	2	1	2
Muscle								
Fauces								
Liver								
Spine								
Lungs			1				1	
Kidney								
Pancreas								
Genital Organs			1		2		3	
Oesophagus				1	2		2	1
Totals			3	5	8	3	11	8

Mid-Glamorgan Water Board. Rainfall Records, Year ended 31st December, 1949.

Month	1 Merthyr- Mawr.	2 Bridgend	3 Schwyl	4 Llanharan	5 St. Athan	6 Pwllwy	7 Maesteg	8 Blackmill	9 Ogmore Vale	10 Ponty- cymmer
Jan.	2.26	2.22	1.67	2.43	2.02	.....	3.77	4.17	4.85	4.10
Feb.	1.93	2.05	1.74	3.04	1.00	.....	3.82	3.27	5.68	4.89
Mar.	2.58	2.70	2.22	2.55	1.98	.....	3.85	3.43	4.15	4.07
April	2.18	3.04	2.79	3.74	2.74	.....	5.92	4.58	7.33	6.59
May	2.59	3.40	3.07	3.71	3.49	.....	5.46	4.23	6.45	5.65
June	0.89	0.97	0.66	0.82	1.19	.....	1.06	1.15	1.44	1.52
July	1.18	1.19	1.02	1.50	1.30	.....	2.20	1.46	3.19	2.11
August	3.98	3.82	3.73	4.47	1.74	.....	4.79	3.39	6.11	6.65
Sept.	4.92	4.58	4.29	3.96	4.41	.....	4.00	3.49	3.49	4.85
Oct.	7.00	9.25	8.76	10.77	7.55	.....	12.07	9.89	13.28	12.99
Nov.	5.58	5.12	4.82	5.50	6.00	4.90	8.86	6.51	9.16	9.20
Dec.	4.39	4.94	4.05	6.23	5.56	4.96	10.19	8.40	14.08	11.90
Totals, 1949	41.48	43.28	38.82	48.72	38.98	9.86	65.99	53.97	79.21	74.52
Totals, 1948	52.77	50.86	45.59	59.77	46.49	—	85.24	64.80	104.96	93.82

Average Annual Rainfall:

Southern Area, Cols. 1—5
Northern Area, Cols. 7—10

1947.
1948.
1949.

This Table was kindly presented by the Manager of the Mid-Glamorgan Water Board.

Year	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Live Births			Total Deaths registered in the District		Transferable Deaths		Nett Deaths belonging to District			
		Uncorrected Number	Nett		Number	Rate	Of Non-residents registered in the District	Of Residents not registered in the District	Under 1 Year		At all Ages	Rate
			Number	Rate					Number	Rate per 1,000 Nett Births		
1915	8409	178	172	21.2	117	13.9	31	9	9	52.3	95	12.21
1916	8383	164	153	19.3	115	14.0	39	9	14	91.5	85	10.93
1917	8212	138	131	16.18	131	15.25	44	8	11	83.9	95	12.71
1918	8587	136	—	16.8	132	18.0	—	—	9	66.0	132	18.0
1919	7305	168	—	18.8	99	11.5	—	—	11	63.0	99	11.5
1920	8554	249	228	26.7	120	14.0	46	9	20	87.7	83	9.7
1921	8530	233	233	24.22	154	16.6	50	8	22	98.5	112	12.1
1922	9206	191	175	18.8	188	20.2	73	8	10	57.1	123	13.2
1923	9280	222	203	21.5	111	11.7	29	12	10	49.2	94	9.9
1924	9435	218	205	21.7	144	15.2	55	17	11	53.6	106	11.2
1925	9673	209	202	20.8	140	14.4	44	15	7	34.6	111	11.4
1926	9888	191	183	18.5	138	13.9	51	11	8	43.7	98	9.9
1927	10030	200	197	19.6	155	15.4	47	11	16	81.2	119	11.8
1928	9528	163	155	17.3	143	15.0	55	12	11	70.9	100	10.4
1929	9660	175	165	17.0	127	14.3	48	12	14	84.9	91	9.4
1930	9660	161	145	15.0	163	16.8	70	6	3	20.6	99	10.2
1931	10033	176	147	14.3	189	18.8	88	7	12	81.6	108	10.7
1932	9960	194	133	13.3	188	18.8	94	18	9	67.6	112	11.2
1933	9994	230	123	12.3	190	19.0	98	6	4	32.5	98	9.8
1934	9934	231	109	10.9	189	19.0	99	4	6	55.0	94	9.4
1935	10030	337	137	13.6	203	20.2	113	18	9	65.6	108	10.7
1936	10100	377	161	15.9	241	23.8	130	9	6	37.2	120	11.8
1937	10330	255	159	15.3	241	23.3	128	16	10	69.8	129	11.4
1938	10565	367	156	14.8	256	24.2	119	12	7	45.0	149	14.1
1939	11250	444	230	20.4	282	25.0	138	13	5	21.7	157	13.9
1940	13010	401	183	14.0	225	17.2	106	14	13	69.5	133	10.2
1941	12860	625	232	18.0	303	23.5	164	15	13	55.7	154	12.1
1942	12520	715	203	16.2	314	25.0	172	21	7	34.4	163	13.1
1943	11970	774	201	16.8	282	23.5	161	14	7	34.8	135	11.2
1944	11450	869	240	21.7	302	26.3	168	11	7	27.3	145	13.0
1945	11650	769	203	17.4	303	26.0	190	16	7	34.4	134	11.5
1946	12770	915	255	19.9	312	24.4	193	10	7	27.4	132	10.3
1947	12710	1018	263	20.7	362	28.3	238	14	10	38.0	143	11.3
1948	12790	1076	239	18.7	316	24.7	204	9	10	42.0	124	9.7
1949	13700	1124	251	18.3	390	28.5	254	14	8	32.0	148	10.8

In conclusion, I would like to express to the Council my appreciation of the interest shown by the Members in matters affecting public health and to thank the staff for their loyal co-operation.

I am, Gentlemen,

J. ALUN EVANS,

Medical Officer of Health.

Bridgend Urban District Council.

Sanitary Inspector's Report

Year ended December 31st, 1949.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit for your consideration my Annual Report for the year 1949.

Housing Statistics for the Year.

(a) Number of houses completed and occupied during the year 1949	22=22	Traditional
(b) Number partly completed during the year 1949	24=24	Traditional
(c) Number sanctioned, but not commenced	90=90	Traditional
(d) Total number of houses completed and occupied since 1918	528=304	Traditional
	100	Permanent B.I.S.F.
	124	Temporary ('Arcon')

By Private Enterprise, Building Societies, etc.—

(a) Number of houses completed and occupied during the year 1949	13, plus 4 blocks of flats
(b) Number partly completed during the year 1949	17
(c) Number for which plans were passed but not commenced during the year 1949	33

1.—Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.

1.—(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	460
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	610

2.—(a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	147
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	322
3.—Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	1
4.—Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	122

2.—Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of Informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	119
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3.—Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal notices:—	
(a) By Owner	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	27
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal notices:—	
(a) By Owners	24
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil.

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

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| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | Nil |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | Nil. |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit after undertakings given by owners | Nil |

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

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|---|------|
| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made | Nil. |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit | Nil. |

4.—Housing Act, 1936, Part IV.—Overcrowding.

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| (a) 1—Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year | 98 |
| 2—Number of families therein | 196 |
| 3—Number of persons dwelling therein | 588 |
| (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year | 32 |
| (c) 1—Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year | 22 |
| 2—Number of persons concerned in such cases | 66 |

Magisterial Proceedings.

Nature of Offence.	Remarks.
<i>Housing Act 1936: Section 12.</i>	
Contravention of Closing Order	Owner fined £10 and £3/3/0 Costs.
<i>Public Health Act 1936: Sections 92, 93 & 94.</i>	
Failure to comply with a Statutory Notice	Nuisance Order made for works to be executed within 14 days and Costs of 8/6 awarded.

HOUSING.

Scheme for the allocation of Council Houses.

During the year under review much time was spent in investigation of living conditions of applicants for houses, under the above Scheme, entailing a total of 610 visits.

As will be appreciated, this part of our duties is very controversial, but one which cannot be avoided. Although certain anomalies exist in the Scheme—this may be said of all schemes—on the whole, it is equitable.

A total of 22 Traditional Type Houses were completed and occupied during the year.

At the end of the year the number of housing applicants on the registers were:—

(1) Number of applicants residing within the Urban Area	558
(2) Number of applicants residing outside but working in the Urban Area	129
(3) Number of applicants both residing and working outside the Urban Area	141

TABLE 1.

Sanitary Inspector's Tabulated Statement Under Article 27 (18) of the Sanitary Officers' Order (Outside London) Regulations, 1935.

	No. of Inspections	Informal Notices	Work done	Work not done	Work in Progress	Statutory Notices	Work done	Work not done	Work in Progress	Houses found unfit for human habitation	Demolition Orders Made	Samples of Water taken	Samples of Milk taken
Public Health Acts	158	122	119	3	1	27	24	3	1	1	—	—	—
Housing Acts:													
1. Recorded Houses	322	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Other Houses	235	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. New Houses	171	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Overcrowding	675	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cowsheds, Dairies, Milkshops	50	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Slaughter Houses, Butchers' Shops, etc.	854	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Factories, etc.	75	9	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Schools	15	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cinemas	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shops	27	7	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food and Drugs	190	13	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rats and Mice	306	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infectious Disease:													
1. Investigations	106	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Fumigations	46	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Drains Tested	70	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Refuse Accumulations	126	47	35	12	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	101
Milk Supplies	36	21	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	—
Water Supplies	605	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Drainage	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Closest & Cesspool Conversions	4103	228	213	15	6	27	24	3	1	1	—	17	101
TOTALS													

TABLE 2.**Housing and Sanitary Improvements carried out during the year.**

Water Supplies:—	
Services renewed	24
Storage cisterns renewed	1
External Repairs:—	
Chimney stacks repaired	6
Roofs re-slatted or repaired	30
Walls cemented or rough-casted	7
Downpipes and roof gutters renewed or repaired	24
Paved areas repaired	5
Internal Repairs:—	
Ceilings renewed or repaired	5
Floors renewed or repaired	8
Grates and ovens renewed or repaired	8
Defective plaster to walls made good	25
Doors and frames repaired	13
Windows and frames renewed or repaired	4
Sash cords provided to windows	18
Hot water systems repaired or renewed	9
Staircases renewed or repaired	2
Sanitary Improvements:—	
Defective drains repaired	26
New inspection chambers constructed or bricked up	7
New inspection chamber covers	2
Choked drains cleared	209
Defective w.c. pans replaced by pedestals	20
New flushing systems installed or repaired	32
Vent shafts renewed or repaired	2
New scullery sinks and baths provided	15
W.C. seats repaired or renewed	10
Sink or bath waste pipes renewed or repaired	13
New water closets constructed	18
Structural alterations	14
New dairies—milk rooms constructed	2
General:—	
Verminous houses cleansed and disinfested	4

Inspection and Supervision of Food—Milk Supply.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

T.T. Milk (Dealer's Licence)	4
Bottling Licences, T.T. Milk	4
T.T. Milk (Supplementary Dealer's Licence)	1
Pasteurised Milk (Supplementary Dealer's Licence)	2
Accredited Milk (Dealer's Licence)	1
Bottling Licences, Accredited Milk	1

Non-Graded Milk :—

Total number of Producers licensed	4
Total number of Retailers licensed	22
Producers licensed during the year	Nil
Retailers licensed during the year	Nil
Total number of inspections made of cowsheds, dairies and mlikshops during the year	68

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

Legislation in Force.

- (1) Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.
- (2) Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924-1935.
- (3) Food and Drugs Act, 1938.
- (4) The Livestock (Restrictions on Slaughtering) Order, 1940.

Location.

The present slaughterhouse, which was erected in 1838, is situated on the banks of the river Ogmore, behind Queen Street.

The approach is narrow, badly surfaced, and most unsuitable for the unloading of livestock from heavy wagons, etc.

The building itself is of stone, consisting of Lairage Stalls, and Slaughter Hall on the left of the entrance door, and Pig Slaughter Hall, Manure Storage room, and Lairage on the right. An open yard area separates these two groups of buildings.

The paving of the yard area, lairage and slaughter halls is far from being satisfactory, the flag stones become cracked and are extremely difficult to cleanse thoroughly.

The rendering of the walls is also unsatisfactory.

The chief structural defects are :—

- (1) Lairage stalls under same roof as main slaughter-hall, with direct access.
- (2) Dressed carcasses are being hung at the top end of the slaughtering hall to cool; there is no separate cooling hall provided.
- (3) No separate gut room.

- (4) No accommodation for employees or Inspectoral Staff.
- (5) No hot water laid on. (An old copper is used for the sterilisation of knives, etc.)
- (6) Insufficient natural lighting.
- (7) The whole drainage system is inadequate for dealing with waste matters from this type of premises.
- (8) There is insufficient stand pipes for washing purposes.

As a result of representations made to the Ministry of Food, improved artificial lighting was installed.

General.

The general standard of cleanliness throughout the year has been as good as it is possible to expect under these circumstances.

However, I would again stress that the time is long overdue when a new Public Abattoir is needed, equipped with all the essential facilities, and with sufficient room to extend, so that the present area now catered for can be increased.

Bridgend with its own collecting centre and a modern Abattoir, could easily cater for four or five times its present population, so far as the slaughtering of livestock for human consumption is concerned.

Transport of Meat.

Following representations to the Ministry's Transport Contracor and employees, improvements were effected in the dress of those persons engaged in delivery of meat to the butchers' shops in the area.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

This Act deals with the humane slaughtering of animals, and also the licensing of slaughtermen by the Local Authority.

The Council extended the humane method of slaughtering to ewes, wethers, rams and lambs in accordance with Section 2 of the Act, by a resolution passed on the 24th Oct., 1946.

All animals slaughtered at the Centralised Slaughterhouse are rendered insensible to pain by means of the "Captive Bolt" pistol.

1 new licence was granted during the year.

Fourteen slaughtermen's licences were renewed.

Meat and Other Foods Inspection for Year 1949.

The control of fat stock and meat put into operation by the Ministry of Food on the 15th January, 1940, continued during the year. The Bridgend Mart is established as a collecting centre of livestock, covering a wide area, and the public abattoir is utilised for the slaughter of animals and the storage and distribution of all home killed and imported meat within the group area of Bridgend Urban and parts of the Penybont Rural Districts, and on occasions for the slaughtering of surplus animals for distribution to other areas.

The management of the Public Slaughterhouse was continued under a representative of the Ministry of Food, and the duties of meat inspection are carried out exclusively by your Sanitary Inspectors. Slaughtering was in operation practically daily, and I am pleased to report that a complete inspection was maintained throughout the year, although there was an appreciable increase in the number of animals slaughtered. A record was kept of all animals and all carcasses and offal condemned. The reasons for condemnation were classified and enumerated on certificates issued to the Ministry of Food, and their instructions as to treatment and disposal of condemned meat strictly complied with.

Cysticercus Bovis.

Cysticercus Bovis, or the beef bladder worm, is the cystic stage of a tapeworm which may be transmitted to man by the consumption of infected flesh insufficiently cooked, and, until recently, this disease has been comparatively rare in this country.

Circular M.F.5/48, received from the Ministry of Health, requires a detailed inspection of all bovine animals slaughtered for human consumption in order to detect the presence of this parasite.

The method of inspection outlined in the Circular has been strictly complied with and, as a result, five cases were found at the Bridgend Slaughterhouse. Of these five cases the cyst was discovered in four instances in the masseter muscles of the head and the remaining case in the musculature of the heart.

As will be appreciated, the necessity for detecting this condition entails a more detailed inspection of all bovine carcasses, especially in view of the fact that the disease is transmissible to man.

PARTS AFFECTED AND DISEASE.

No.	Affected with—	
36	Bovine Carcasses and offal	Generalised Tuberculosis
3	Bovine Carcasses and Offal	Tuberculosis and Emaciation
18	Bovine Carcasses and Offal	General Oedema and Emaciation
1	Bovine Carcase and Offal	General Oedema, Fever and Injuries
1	Bovine Carcase and Offal	General Oedema and Anaemia
1	Bovine Carcase and Offal	Redwater and Jaundice
1	Bovine Carcase and Offal	Septicaemia
1	Bovine Carcase and Offal	H.B.C., Fever and Bruising
36	Sheep Carcasses and Offal	General Oedema and Emaciation
6	Sheep Carcasses and Offal	Septicaemia
2	Sheep Carcasses and Offal	H.B.C., Fever and Emaciation
4	Sheep Carcasses and Offal	Extensive Bruising and Injuries
4	Sheep Carcasses and Offal	General Oedema and Peritonitis
2	Sheep Carcasses and Offal	Acute Peritonitis and Fever
1	Sheep Carcase and Offal	Septic Pneumonia and Peritonitis
1	Sheep Carcase and Offal	General Oedema, Fever & Pleurisy
1	Sheep Carcase and Offal	Moribund Condition
1	Calf Carcase and Offal	Generalised Tuberculosis
2	Calf Carcasses and Offal	H.B.C. and Fever
1	Calf Carcase and Offal	Advanced Stages of Putrefaction
6	Calf Carcasses and Offal	Immaturity and Fever
3	Calf Carcasses and Offal	Septicaemia
1	Calf Carcase and Offal	Jaundice and Oedema
1	Calf Carcase and Offal	General Oedema and Fever
2	Pig Carcasses and Offal	Generalised Tuberculosis
2	Pig Carcasses and Offal	Gangrene and Septicaemia
2	Pig Carcasses and Offal	Acute Peritonitis and Fever
1	Pig Carcase and Offal	Septicaemia
1	Pig Carcase and Offal	Moribund Condition
1	Pig Carcase and Offal	Extensive Bruising, H.B.C. and Emaciation
115	Bovine Heads	Localised Tuberculosis
3	Bovine Heads	Cysticercus Bovis
25	Bovine Heads	Actinomycosis
239	Bovine Lungs	Localised Tuberculosis
59	Bovine Lungs	Echinococcus
3	Bovine Lungs	Pneumonia
165	Bovine Hearts	Localised Tuberculosis
3	Bovine Hearts	Echinococcus
2	Bovine Hearts	Abscess
1	Bovine Heart	Endocarditis
165	Bovine Skirts	Localised Tuberculosis
1	Bovine Skirt	Abscess
48	Bovine Livers	Localised Tuberculosis
299	Bovine Livers	Distomatosis and Cirrhosis
104	Bovine Livers	Echinococcus
67	Bovine Livers	Melanism
86	Bovine Livers	Angioma
10	Bovine Livers	Abscess
6	Bovine Livers	Jaundice
47	Bovine Spleens	Echinococcus
12	Bovine Spleens	Localised Tuberculosis
528	Sheep Livers	Distomatosis and Cirrhosis
239	Sheep Livers	Echinococcus
44	Sheep Livers	Tenuicollis
5	Sheep Livers	Jaundice
216	Sheep Lungs	Strongylosis and Echinococcus
15	Sheep Lungs	Tenuicollis

PARTS AFFECTED AND DISEASE.—Continued

No.	Affected with—
1 Sheep Lung	Pneumonia
36 Sheep Plucks	Septic Pneumonia
1 Sheep Head	Injury
2 Calf Plucks	Abscess
2 Calf Plucks	Septic Pneumonia
12 Calf Livers	Jaundice
1 Calf Head	Abscess
1 Calf Head	Actinomycosis
4 Pig Plucks	Localised Tuberculosis
1 Pig Pluck	Septic Pneumonia
1 Pig Pluck	Septic Abscess
1 Pig Heart	Echinococcus
2 Pig Livers	Cirrhosis
1 Pig Liver	Jaundice
1 Pig Liver	Tenuicollis
1 Pig Liver	Echinococcus
1 Pig Lungs	Pneumonia
4 Pigs Lungs	Echinococcus
1 Pig Spleen	Echinococcus
8 Pig Heads	Localised Tuberculosis
2 Pig Kidneys	Retention of Urine
24 Bovine Tripes	Localised Tuberculosis
97 Bovine Mesenteries	Localised Tuberculosis
14 Bovine Mesenteries	Enteritis
3 Pig Mesenteries	Localised Tuberculosis
24 Pig Mesenteries	Enteritis
265 lbs. Mutton	Extensive Bruising and Injuries
55 lbs. Mutton Mates	Putrefaction
2 Sheep Kidneys and Fat	Cystic Condition
1244½ lbs. Home-killed Hindquarter Beef	Bone Taint
24 lbs. Homekilled Forequarter Beef	Bone Taint
444 lbs. Imported Hindquarter Beef	Bone Taint
52 lbs. Imported Forequarter Beef	Mould
785 lbs. Home-killed Boneless Beef	Putrefaction
11 lbs. Imported Hindquarter Beef	Contamination
92 lbs. Imported Beef	Putrefaction
8 lbs. Home-killed Forequarter Beef	Internal Abscess
41 lbs. Home-killed Bovine Kidney Suet	Necrosis
18 lbs. Imported Bovine Kidney Suet	Bone Taint
20 lbs. Chitterlings	Putrefaction
253 lbs. Corned Beef	Blown and Putrefied
30 lbs. Imported Liver	Putrefaction
124 lbs. Sausages	Putrefaction
22½ lbs. Smoked Bacon	Putrefaction
2 Part Bovine Carcasses	Abscess and Injury
8 Part Sheep Carcasses	Adhesions, Abscess and Bruising
3 Sheep Hindquarters	Internal Injuries
2 Part Pig Carcasses	Injury
1 Tin Mutton	Putrefaction

Total weight of meat condemned during the year was:—
27 tons 15 cwts. 3 qrs. 9 lbs.

The number of animals slaughtered was:—1,365 Bovines;
168 Pigs; 8,546 Sheep; 1,215 Calves.

Tuberculosis Order, 1938.

During the year 8 Bovine Carcases were sent in by The Animal Health Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, five of which were totally condemned as suffering from Generalised Tuberculosis, and two from Tuberculosis and Emaciation.

The remaining carcase showed evidence of the disease in a localised form, the head, lungs, heart and skirt being condemned.

Other Unsound Foods.

The following foodstuffs were also surrendered as being unfit for human consumption:—

50 tins Pork Brawn; 3 tins Bacon; 5 tins Beef Loaf; 20 tins Luncheon Meat; 21 tins Veal Loaf; 3 tins Hash; 7 tins Steak; 4 tins Pork; 32 tins Soup; 45 lbs. Liver Sausage; 108 lbs. Rabbit Carcases; 50 tins Tomatoes; 7 tins Carrots; 77 tins Peas; 63 tins Beans; 16 tins Spaghetti; 7 tins Beet-root; 37 lbs. Locust Beans; 1 tin Apricots; 5 tins Orange Juice; 7 tins Tomato Juice; 3 tins Apple Purée; 37 tins Tomato Sauce; 6 tins Peaches; 9 tins Plums; 5 tins Marmalade; 32 tins Grapefruit Juice; 2 tins Jam; 9 tins Grapes; 2 tins Pears; 10 tins Syrup; 3 bottles Rhubarb; 29 bottles Salad Cream; 1 bottle Gooseberries; 1 bottle Cherries; 13 bottles Pickles; 70 boxes Dates; 7 jars Horse Radish; 117 tins Evaporated Milk; 132 tins Skimmed Milk; 45 tins Nestles Milk, 9 lbs Sweets; 28 lbs. Chocolate; 5½ doz. Bars Chocoolate; 25 tins Salmon; 14 tins Pilchards; 1 tin Sardines; 2 tins Cod Fish; 62 tins Mussels; 148 tins Fish Cake; 5 stone Megrim; 24 stone Haddock; 12 stone Cod; 10 stone Whiting; 16 stone Spragg Fillets; 3½ stone Turbot; 1 jar Fish Paste; 2 tins Dried Egg; 500 Duck Eggs; 300 Pullet Eggs; 45 lbs. Cheese; 22 pkts. Flour; 1 pkt. Baking Powder; 69 pkts. Pudding Mixture; 79 pkts. Creamola Powder; 3 cartons Corn Flakes; 18 lbs. Oats; 12½ lbs. Tea.

Slaughter-houses.

Public Slaughter-houses registered	1
Private Slaughter-houses licensed	1
Notices served	Nil.

Over-head tracking has been installed at the Public Slaughterhouse, which has resulted in carcases being handled with ease, and also with greater cleanliness than in the past.

I have experienced little difficulty in getting limewashing of walls, cleansing of floors, removal of garbage, etc., carried out by verbal instructions given during inspection.

Cold Stores.

During the year additional refrigerators were installed by meat traders on their own premises.

Bakehouses.

Number in the Urban District (actually in use)	9
Number of inspections made	42
Notices served	1

After giving verbal instructions I have experienced but little difficulty in obtaining the co-operation of occupiers of all bakehouses with regard to the limewashing of walls, etc.

During the year the use of one bakehouse was discontinued, and the occupier transferred his business to a new property. This bakehouse is modern in all respects, being fitted with gas-fired ovens, etc., and complies with the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act.

Fish-frying Establishments.

There were eight Fried Fish Shops carrying on the trade during the year. Visits were made periodically to all the premises, and in the majority of cases, the conditions were found to be satisfactory.

This trade is now being carried on from mobile vans, and whilst, in my opinion, registration cannot be enforced, frequent inspections of the vehicles are made. There has, however, been a noticeable decline in the number of this type of van operating in the Town.

In addition, the premises used for the preparation of fish and chipped potatoes are registered and kept under constant supervision, and I have had little cause for complaint.

One result of the increase in the number of these establishments is the indiscriminate manner in which greasy papers are oftentimes strewn about public highways.

An allied branch of this trade—the preparation of potato crisps—was commenced during the year by proprietors of Fried Fish Shops, and this foodstuff is subject to the same supervision as the others.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

The Food and Drugs Act, 1938, came into operation on October 1st, 1939. Under this Act the registration of all premises used in connection with the manufacture or sale of ice-cream and preserved foods is required by the Local Authority.

Preserved Food Premises.

Number of the above premises registered	20
(These include eight Fried Fish Shops).	

Ice-Cream.

Number of premises registered	27
(6 for the Manufacture, Storage and Sale. 21 for the Storage and Sale only).	

The Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, came into force on the 1st May, 1947. These Regulations perscribe the method by which ice-cream should be manufactured.

The occupiers of all the registered premises within the Urban District are aware of the requirements of these Regulations, and I am pleased to report that I have experienced very little difficulty in obtaining their co-operation.

There appears to be a growing tendency for the sale of pre-packed ice-cream in the Town and, from a public health point of view, this is to be encouraged as there is much less risk of contamination.

In all cases, necessary alterations to the premises were carried out, including the installation of sinks, washing facilities, drainage, etc., to comply with the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

During the year 12 samples were collected and submitted for analysis, 8 proving satisfactory and 4 unsatisfactory.

Water Supply.

The water supply for the Urban District is under the control of the Mid-Glamorgan Water Board. 9 samples of water from various town supplies (7 for bacteriological examination and 2 for chemical analysis) were collected and submitted to the County Laboratory during the year. In addition, 8 samples of water from the Swimming Bath (4 for bacteriological examination and 4 for chemical analysis) were collected and submitted for analysis, all of which proved satisfactory.

There are three houses in the town which at present are not connected to the Water Board's mains, one of which has a rain water supply and the other two draw supplies from a well.

Cesspools.

Number of cesspools in the area 10

The cleansing of the cesspools is carried out by the Local Authority at the request of the tenants of the house to which the cesspools belong.

Common Lodging Houses.

Number registered 2

Frequent inspections were made during the year, and verbal instructions given with regard to limewashing of internal walls and ceilings, which were carried out.

Infectious Diseases.

Number of visits and investigations made, including cancer and tuberculosis 106

Number of premises fumigated, including fumigations of premises after deaths from cancer and tuberculosis 46

RODENT CONTROL.

Legislation in Force.

1. Rats and Mice Destruction Act, 1919.
2. Infestation Order, 1943.

It is the duty of the Occupier, or where there is no Occupier, the Owner of the premises, to take such steps as are necessary for the purpose of destroying or of preventing infestation of rats and mice on their premises or land.

Rats contaminate and destroy food, they spread disease, and do untold damage to property, and therefore no infestation, however small or insignificant, should be overlooked by any person, but the matter should receive the prompt attention of the occupier with the sole view of eliminating these pests, and preventing any re-infestation of the property.

RATS AND MICE.

Circular N.S. 19—Rodent Control (Financial Arrangements) for the year ending 31st March, 1949, was adopted by the Council. Under this circular the Council agreed to:—

- (a) Maintain an adequate organisation for effective rodent control;

- (b) Comply with the Ministry's appropriate requirements on the methods to be employed;
- (c) Pay special attention to efficient rodent control in sewers, refuse dumps, refuse destructors, and its other public service properties;
- (d) Take effective action for the control of rats and mice in all surface properties to which directions given under the Infestation Order, 1943, apply.

A Maintenance Treatment of the sewers within the Urban District was carried out during the year, and a second treatment will be completed before the 31st March, 1950, in order to rank for grant. Hereunder details of the above-mentioned treatment:—

Number of manholes baited	301
Average number of prebaita taken	68
Number of poison takes	38

In addition to this work, the Council's refuse tip received constant attention with beneficial results on surface infestation in the immediate vicinity.

Throughout the year business and commercial premises have been treated by your Rodent Operative, the cost being borne by the owners or occupiers concerned.

In my opinion, this service is being appreciated by occupiers of premises in the Town, who are now co-operating to a greater degree in the destruction of rats and mice than in previous years.

Shops Act, 1934.

- 1 shop re-tiled, and provided with a preparation room, instantaneous water heaters, etc.
- 5 new wash-hand basins were installed in shops.
- 4 new sinks were installed in shops.
- 6 new water closets were constructed in shops.
- 1 existing water closet was repaired.

The powers under the Shops Acts, 1912—38 have been delegated to the Council, but only the provisions relating to ventilation, temperature and sanitary conveniences are administered by this Department, the remaining provisions of this Act relating to the health and comfort of shop assistants is administered by the Council's Shops Inspector.

It is gratifying to record that as a result of representations made to owners and/or occupiers many improvements have been effected to shop premises during the year.

Schools.

Number in the Urban area (including private schools and the Blind Institution)	14
Number of Inspections made	15

Drainage and Sewerage Work.

During the year the following drains and sewers were inspected and smoke tested.

Number of tests carried out either by means of smoke or water during the year	70
Number of inspections made of drainage work whilst in progress	605

Cinemas and Amusement Places.

Number in the area	3
Number actually in use	3
Number of inspections made during the year	21

Toilet and ablution facilities at all cinemas in the Town are of the desired standard.

Licensed Premises.

The twenty-three public houses and registered clubs were inspected in connection with their sanitary arrangements.

I am pleased to report that additional closet accommodation, separate for the sexes, together with wash-hand basins, have been provided at several of the premises.

Progress has also been made with re-decoration, and it is anticipated that work of this nature will be accelerated in the near future.

Verminous Premises.

During the year four premises were cleared of vermin, the cost in each case being borne by the owners of the property concerned.

Nuisances and Other Matters dealt with.

Number of public sewers cleansed	24
Number of foul drains, private sewers, w.c's. opened and cleansed	191
Accumulations of manure and other offensive matter removed	6
Animals kept so as to be a nuisance	3
Dirty and verminous dwellings	13

Increase of Rents and Mortgage (Interest) Restriction Acts.

Two Certificates under the above Acts were issued during the year.

Inspection of Factories.

	<i>Inspections</i>	<i>Written Notices</i>
Factories with Mechanical Power	29	4
Factories without Mechanical Power	26	5
Other Premises under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction, but not including out-workers' premises)	20	Nil
Total	75	9

OTHER MATTERS—

Notified by H.M. Inspector of Factories	7
Reports sent to H.M. Inspector of Factories	Nil
Certificates granted	Nil

DEFECTS FOUND—

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Defects.</i>	<i>Remedied</i>
Sanitary Conveniences (Sec. 7)—		
Insufficient	2	2
Unsuitable or defective	3	3
Want of cleanliness (Sec. 1)	7	7
Ineffective drainage of floors (Sec. 6)	1	1
Other defects	Nil	Nil
Total	13	13

I am pleased to report that as a result of informal action the following improvements were carried out at one factory—

- 3 new ladies' water closets;
- 3 wash-hand basins, provided with hot and cold water, for ladies;
- 1 new gents' water-closet, together with wash-hand basin.

In addition a food preparation room—tiled and containing all amenities, a canteen and metal lockers for staff's clothing have been provided.

All suggestions of the Department were readily accepted by the Manager.

Premises and Occupations which can be controlled by Bye-Laws or Regulations.

Slaughterhouses	2
Bakehouses	9
Marine Stores	1
Hide and Skin Yards	1

Tents, Vans and Sheds.

Occasionally during the year, tents and vans stand at "Cheapside" for a few weeks, and pay rent to the ground-owners. Sanitary conveniences and a water supply are provided on the site.

In addition, a licence under the Public Health Act, 1936, for the erection and use of a Moveable Dwelling—a trailer caravan—was issued.

Public Cleansing.

This work is carried out by the Council's own staff under the direction of the Surveyor. The system is the same as that outlined in previous reports, namely, that of collecting the refuse from the business centres and hotels daily, and from the residential parts of the town at least twice weekly.

The refuse is disposed of by "controlled tipping" in a large disused quarry, which the Council acquired by compulsory purchase, at a cost of £406.

During the year a comprehensive survey was made of the indiscriminate dumping of refuse in back lanes, and types of receptacles used for both household and trade refuse, etc.

As a result of this investigation letters were sent to the persons in default, drawing their attention to the fact that the Council had an efficient collection service in operation and asking for their co-operation in the future.

The present position with regard to refuse accommodation cannot yet, however, be regarded as being satisfactory—miscellaneous receptacles are still being used for the deposit of refuse for collection by the cleansing vehicles. Very few of these receptacles have covers, and apart from their unsightly appearance, the contents are frequently scattered on the surface of back lanes by dogs, but I am pleased to report that a considerable improvement has been effected due to a large extent to the survey, and to a lesser degree to the "making up" of back lanes.

I desire to express my thanks for the kind assistance rendered by the members of the Council, the Medical Officer of Health, and all Officials.

I also wish to state how sincerely I appreciate the co-operation and loyalty of Mr. I. D. Jenkins, Additional Sanitary Inspector.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. H. MANLEY,

Senior Sanitary Inspector.











